

REMARKS

No claims have been canceled, amended or added in this paper. Therefore, claims 1-16 are pending. Of these claims, claims 10-16 are withdrawn as being directed at a non-elected invention, as discussed further below. Accordingly, claims 1-9 are under active consideration.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Patent Office communicates, in pertinent part, the following restriction requirement:

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claims 1-9 drawn to a process for producing a sterilization system.

Group II, claims 10-15, drawn to a system for sterilizing drinking water.

Group III, claim 16 drawn to use of a system for sterilization.

In response to the above, Applicant respectfully elects Group I, claims 1-9.

In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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